have also participated in trade fairs in China to enhance awareness about Indian products. The first meeting of India-China Trade Remedies Cooperation Mechanism was held on 19th June, 2009 in Beijing. The purpose of the meeting was to have an exchange of views and to better understand each other's practices including investigation procedures.

Meeting between India and US under Trade Policy Forum

†2155. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a meeting was held between India and USA under Trade Policy Forum;

(b) if so, the suggestions given by USA to India in the said meeting;

(c) India's reaction on these suggestions and the details of suggestions accepted;

(d) whether India also gave some suggestions in the meeting; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the details of suggestions accepted by US?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) India-US Trade Policy Forum meeting, co-chaired by Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry on Indian side and Ambassador Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative on US side, was held at New Delhi on 26.10.2009. During the meeting both sides agreed to-continue their dialogue to boost bilateral trade under five Focus Groups: Agriculture, Innovation and Creativity, Investment, Services and Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers.

No consensus in meetings of WTO members

†2156. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the meetings of WTO members during the last many years have been concluding without reaching any consensus;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the major issues discussed in these meetings; and

(d) the details of the opinions expressed by developed and developing countries on these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Doha Round of trade negotiations at the World Trade Organisation. (WTO), which began in 2001, is still underway.

(b) In the WTO, decisions on any issue are taken on the basis of consensus amongst all its Members, which number 153 at present. The process of negotiation amongst 153 members is

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